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Presidential Campaign Of 1988 Must Address The Issue Of The Homeless

Over the last decade, homelessness has emerged as a major social problem in the U.S. Estimates of the number of homeless people ranged as high as 3 million nationwide. The most alarming statistic indicates that families with children under five years of age constitute the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. In such an important election year we **must** raise this problem to the level of a campaign issue.

There are 8,000 homeless families in the City of Newark, and 106,875 people whose income falls below the federal poverty level and who are eligible for low-income housing. Twenty-five percent are currently living in Newark Public Housing. The others must pay a disproportionate amount of their income for rent, or be without homes. Naturally, the waiting list for subsidized housing is astronomical.

Much of the affordable housing available to poor people is uninhabitable. It is being torn down, but replacement housing is not expected to meet the former capacity.

What does it do to a person to live in substandard housing, or worse, in welfare hotels, shelters, or in the streets? The desperate plight of the homeless has little direct impact on the lives of more fortunate citizens. I wonder how much thought Wall

Street executives gave to the homeless before they had to walk over the body of one of them yesterday. We all need to open our eyes to this situation and attack the causes of the level of destitution that produces homelessness.

The recently passed Housing Bill, the first we have had in 7 years, provides that the budget for Housing remain at the 1987 level. Obviously that is not enough. This is 1988 and inflation is always with us.

This reflects a trend of discrimination against the poor. Since 1980 government spending has gone up more than 60% and the housing budget has been cut back by more than 70%. We need to open our eyes to the effects of government spending practices. According to an analysis of recently issued census data by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, government benefit programs now lift a smaller proportion of families with children out of poverty than they did in 1979. In that year, one family in five was helped; in 1986 it was one in nine.

The causes of this are: reduction in benefit programs at federal and state levels; changes in the economy that have reduced the earnings of some poor families; and changes in the composition of the poverty population. This backward trend in the pro-

vision of human services must be reversed.

Working Toward A Solution

One way of doing that is to support strong community-based programs that will increase access to affordable housing, appropriate supportive residential programs — jobs, job training, day care, and accessible health services, all of which give people some

control over their own economic futures.

This is happening at NC Douglass-Harrison, a 774 unit apartment complex which is showing its age of 50 plus years.

Douglass-Harrison is the new home of what promises to be a very effective double-barrelled attack on

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The Local Economy And The Challenges Ahead

Discrimination Against The Poor Continues

This paper was presented by L. Michelle Odom, Executive Director of NCC Employment Center at the New Community Corporation Leadership Workshop Series on February 2, 1988.

What is the Economy?

Many aspects are presented by the term "economy." On a very large or international level, the economy consists of matters such as the price of stocks, the balance of trade, and the strength of the dollar. At another level, the economy seeks to measure and analyze things such as the Gross National Product and Consumer Price Index. Then, moving locally, or to the level of the individual, the economy begins to focus on questions such as per capita income, purchasing power and many other quality of life concerns.

Whether your perspective is international or local, rich or poor, consumption or production, taxes or

bonds, statistics or tables — questions of the economy always take aim at understanding, measuring and comparing our **standard of living**. **How are we Interested in the Economy?**

How do we measure our standard of living?

The economy is said to be in constant motion and moves in a cyclical pattern. Those of us here tonight already know that behind these cyclical waves are the lives of men, women and children moving through varying levels of impoverishment.

We measure our standard of living by comparing it to those around us. One prime indicator is the comparative wage level. On a nation-wide basis, we see that in 1986, Black families earned \$57 for every \$100 earned by white families. More alarming is the fact that the gap between these two groups is widening. In

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Supermarket Update

Judge Declares Location An "Excellent" Choice

On February 16, 1988 one more hurdle was cleared in the attempt to build a supermarket for area residents when Superior Court Judge Paul B. Thompson of Essex County approved the site at South Orange Avenue and Bergen Street as an "excellent" location for the proposed Pathmark supermarket and its satellite stores. The condemnation of the luncheonette and liquor store now on the property and belonging to Bert Schenkel has been approved.

Thompson will now appoint a three-member condemnation commission which will determine the fair market value of the property.

The former property owner has forty-five days from the date of Judge Thompson's decision to file an appeal. If no appeal is filed, construction work can commence. It is anticipated that it will take ten months to complete the project.

The benefit to the community which the supermarket will bring is

immeasurable, since most are low-income families and senior citizens who do not have cars.

Presently the residents are forced to use small van-type stores or local convenience stores whose prices eat a huge chunk out of very limited budgets.

Joe Chaneyfield, vice-president of the NCC Board was ecstatic about the ruling, shouting "Thank the Lord!" after it was made. Since he knows the area residents well, he also is aware of the struggle they have to supply their family's needs by carrying home heavy bundles on buses, or arranging car pools, or paying for expensive taxis to get back and forth. The latter also lessens the money left for basic human needs.

Demolition on the areas not involved in litigation has already begun. The supermarket cannot function soon enough for these needy residents.

Demolition Proceeds For Supermarket



Larry Goldston (L) and Mike Polk of NCC's Development Department observe the wrecker's progress at 245-249 So. Orange Ave.

Outstanding Restaurant Employee

Abraham Amare has been working with the Sandwich Shop and Priory Restaurant as a waiter for the last 6 months. He has also worked for Gateway Hilton on week-ends for the last 6 years. Before that Abraham gained experience working for Quality Inn, Newark for 3 years.

Abraham is a graduate of NJIT in Electrical Engineering but prefers to work with us at St. Joseph Plaza, as he has job satisfaction and the opportunity to meet different people. He

emphasized that the management does not discriminate and gives equal opportunity and recognition to all employees.

Abraham was chosen outstanding employee because he is consistently hardworking and punctual, explicitly honest and extremely cooperative and conscientious.

Effective February 16, 1988 he has been promoted to Captain, reported Senathiraja Natesan, restaurant manager.



Cecilia Faulks happily congratulates Abraham Amare on his well-deserved promotion at the Priory as Senathiraja Natesan watches approvingly.

Urban Experience Program Opens Vistas

A group of twenty concerned Catholic High School Students from several urban and suburban schools took part in an activity filled "Urban

Experience" Weekend at New Community Corporation and other social service organizations in Newark.

The weekend began with a tour of NCC's Headquarters at St. Joseph's Plaza. There, a videotape of NCC's history and achievements was shown. A question and answer period followed and the students were off to Babyland I where they completed work assignments.

On Saturday morning a group discussion with Mr. Joe Chaneyfield, V.P. of NCC, expressed to the group how suburban/urban fellowships were a catalyst in developing NCC and how important these are today. Urban experience members also visited Extended Care and took part in its operations.

Brunch at the Priory Restaurant concluded the weekend where final remarks from participants were made.

Thank You

February 1, 1988

Dear Larry,

On behalf of all the students that took part in the '88 Urban Experience, I would like to thank you for introducing us to the New Community world. On a whole, we learned to help the people in our societies that need it most. St. Joseph's Plaza and the Babylands are beautiful. I hope the corporation continues to prosper and I also hope the next twenty years are as successful as the first. Maybe twenty years from now the people of Newark won't need NCC, but it's nice to know that if they do, you'll be there.

Thanks again,
Yours sincerely,
Karen Campbell

Priory Enjoying Increasing Popularity

Mr. Senathiraja Natesan, Manager of the Priory Restaurant located in St. Joseph Plaza, was very pleased when over 200 people chose to celebrate Valentine's Day by coming to the popular Priory Sunday Brunch.

Between that and an excellent turnout for a special Mardi Gras luncheon, he is certain some financial records have been set for the month of February.



Festive decorations and a Cajun menu attract adventurous diners during the Priory's Mardi Gras luncheon.

Kudos For The Priory

Dear Nate:

I can't thank you enough for the extraordinary service you gave the Love Newark Committee last Friday evening. WOW!!! I still receive compliments about what an enjoyable evening it was, how beautiful the facility is, and how good the service was. You and your staff should be extremely proud of the job you did.

On a personal note, it was a pleasure to work with you. Each time

we expressed a concern, you met it and put me at ease.

Nate, needless to say, our dinner was a resounding success. St. Joseph's Plaza, The Priory Restaurant, you and your staff played an extremely important part in the effort.

My deepest appreciation!!

Best regards,

Arthur S. Guida, Chairman
Love Newark Committee

Immigration Processing Continues

Mr. George Piegaro, Director of the Special Services Division of Catholic Community Services (CCS) which has been handling applicants coming forth for legalization through its Office of Migration, reports a change in procedure which took effect on January 18th, 1988.

Since applications are now decreasing, the regular immigration offices have been re-opened to handle the flow. Applicants can now appear at the office nearest their residence where complete processing can be done including medicals.

They will accept either phone appointments or walk-ins.

Catholic Community Services is proud to have filed over 900 cases for legalization and 300 for Cuban/Haitian change of status to the INS. These figures represent the single highest total of any agency in the state. CCS is also pleased that they have received no denials of any of these cases thus far.

Locations of the offices follow.
NEWARK

Catholic Community Services
One Summer Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07104
(201) 482-0100

UNION CITY
Catholic Community Services
530 - 35th Street
Union City, N.J.
(201) 867-1004

ORANGE
Catholic Community Services
70 Main Street
Orange, N.J. 07050
(201) 673-6911

JERSEY CITY
Catholic Community Services
380 Monmouth Street
Jersey City, N.J. 07302
(201) 653-6515

ELIZABETH
Catholic Community Services
715 Elizabeth Avenue
Elizabeth, N.J. 07201
(201) 352-9700

CALL FOR HELP

Is your husband or boyfriend abusing you? You are not alone — it happens a lot. There's a number you can call 24 hours a day where people are available to help you explore your feelings and plans. All calls are kept confidential.

Don't let this situation continue. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE BEATEN!**

Call Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Project at 484-4446. In the Caldwell area, call **PEACE** at 226-6166.

NOW THERE IS HELP FOR YOU!

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201)623-2800 ext. 206.

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Campaign Must Address Homeless Issue...

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Newark's problem of homelessness: Homeless Job Training/Housing for the Needy.

NCC recently assumed sponsorship of a job training program in rehabilitative construction and building maintenance for able-bodied homeless people and located it where it could do the most good.

Trainees who participate in this 24 week program are recruited from local shelters. They work towards housing for themselves, and are guaranteed employment upon completion of the program.

Chris Mazauskas is the director of this undertaking which trains participants in groups of twelve, and provides all the necessary supportive services for them.

The beauty of this program is that it rehabilitates much needed units of low cost housing, while making jobs and services available to homeless

refurnished apartments. Many are young single parents with small children.

Ever since Open Application took place in January, Sr. Anne has been concentrating on placing single parents because the number of applications from homeless women with small children astounded her. Some were living in welfare hotels. The thought of children living in that environment motivates her to work even harder to try to provide clean, decent apartments and safe, stable living conditions for them at Douglass-Harrison.

Sister's teaching background is evident in her reflection that when children are homeless they can't go to school because they don't have a permanent address. Besides the indignity of every day life, the homelessness of these innocent victims is condemning them to a future of ignorance. This bodes ill not only for them, but for our entire society at the turn of the century.

Young women moving into Douglass-Harrison with their children say to Sr. Anne, "You don't know what it's like (to live in the streets...to live in welfare hotels)." Many of us don't know what it's like and for many, part of us doesn't even want to know. When a situation is so bad that it tempts people to ignore it, this gives a clear message that the situation is intolerable, and powerful people should take actions to change it.

What's happening now at Douglass-Harrison is changing things for some homeless people. However, as good as these two programs are, more is needed. That's where our power as citizens and voters comes in. Government officials and candidates for office need to hear our words and feel our power.

The position of the NJ Bishops' Conference is that housing is a right which requires that adequate, affordable and accessible housing be available to all. The conference notes that the conditions of homelessness and hunger are increasingly prevalent across our state, and grants under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and General Assistance Programs are so far below the poverty level that they are but a band aid covering up an open wound.

In ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL, the U.S. Bishops teach that society as a whole, acting through public and private institutions has the moral responsibility to enhance human dignity and promote human rights.

Although we are still faced with the federal administration's unwavering dismissal of the gravity of the problem of homelessness, one way to bring homelessness and our disgraceful lack of affordable housing to the attention of society as a whole and the candidates for office is to make it an issue of the 1988 Election Campaign.

Providing shelters is not enough. To live decent lives people need decent permanent homes. Learn and critique your candidates' position on homelessness and housing and challenge him or her to formulate it in terms of real people with real needs.

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett

Residents Go To Court



NCC residents and shopping center supporters await the decision concerning condemnation outside Judge Thompson's courtroom.

Behind The Shelter Door

Signs Of Injury Require Arrest

Gov. Kean recently signed a law requiring mandatory arrest for batterers which becomes effective April 5, 1988. After that, if an officer goes to a home during an incident of domestic violence and sees "signs of injury" he/she is required to arrest the abuser without discretion. This law removes the responsibility from the victim and places it on the law enforcement agencies.

Domestic violence has been a crime since 1982 with the creation of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act. Women who have been victims, too often have been afraid to have the batterer arrested for fear of retaliation. Now it will not be "their fault" if the abuser is incarcerated.

Also, if a woman did, in the past ask to have the batterer arrested, she was frequently told they could not make the arrest since it was a family argument. The abuser would then feel they could get away with abusing the partner since there would be no recrimination.

The new law changes all of this.

Shortly after the law was signed, Channel 4 and Channel 9 News came to the Shelter to get a reaction. Gloria Rojas and Jennifer Volappe interviewed several clients and Sister Clare. Their comments were aired on Channel 4 on January 13 and on Channel 9 on February 1, 1988. Most victims agreed that if the law had been in effect when they were beaten, their lives might be different today. They would not have had to flee their homes in the midst of a crisis. If the batterer had been arrested, they could have planned a more leisurely escape. In fact, they might not have needed to escape at all, and now they certainly can feel protected by the law.

On Monday February 1, Dr. John Alexander aired a show about domestic violence. This radio taping on WNJR at 1430 AM, included a conversation with Connie Gilbert-Nice, former President of N.O.W., Judy Shoemaker a former victim of domestic violence and Sister Clare, Babyland's Shelter Coordinator.

All of this publicity is geared towards allowing others who may be

victims of domestic violence to know there are laws written for their protection and services available to them.

Babyland's Shelter has been available to these women for nine years. Please call our 24 hour hotline if you or anyone you know needs help. Just telephone 484-4446.

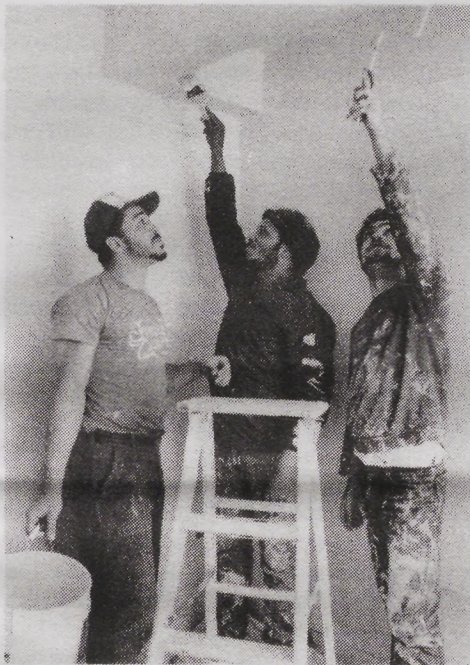
The Hours Of Help Add Up To New Hope

During the year of 1987 eleven staff persons serviced one hundred eleven (111) women and one hundred forty-eight (148) children. These families were sheltered at Babyland's Family Violence Program. Over eight hundred twenty-nine (829) hours of individual counseling were provided to shelter residents and two hundred fifty-two (252) hours to walk-in clients at another location. Enrolled clients received one hundred seventy-eight (178) hours of group counseling while non-residents received twenty-seven (27) hours. Approximately two hundred ninety-seven (297) hours of individual counseling was spent on the twenty-four (24) hour hot-line. Other telephone calls required one hundred thirty-five (135) hours of crises intervention.

Over six hundred (600) parents, teachers, nurses and doctors received training and other information about domestic violence and the services available to victims.

These figures include the months from April to December of 1987 only, due to major renovation of the shelter in early 1987. These numbers do not include services provided at the PEACE Center in Caldwell, New Jersey.

S. Clare Elton



Housing Program trainer Lester Jefferson (L) checks out the work of painters Robert Ross (C) and Edwin Velez.

people, thus helping to pave the way to their economic security.

The Homeless Job Training Program is hoping to qualify for some of the \$3.4 million designated for public service through Newark's Community Development Block Grant.

In keeping with an unfortunate pattern, the funding of this grant was cut by 5.2% for 1988.

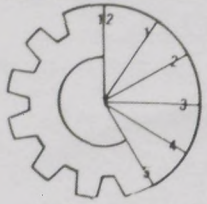
The job training program is clearly in keeping with the purpose of the grant which is to expand comprehensive services to homeless individuals, to provide follow-up and long term services to make the transition out of poverty and to promote private sector and other assistance to homeless individuals.

Sr. Anne Quirk, Manager of NC Douglass-Harrison, is thrilled with the program. The homeless trainees are personable and responsible. Even at 6:46 or 7:00 a.m. when they arrive for work they are in high spirits. It is obvious that they are happy to be working at something meaningful. It restores their dignity. As one man said to Sr. Anne, "you know what? I'm not homeless any more. It's wonderful not to be homeless." These words are echoed many times over by the people who moved into the newly-

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New Community Employment Center

Prudential Awards Leadership Grant

"We were delightfully overwhelmed!" replied Michelle Odom when asked for her reaction to the special grant recently awarded to New Community Corporation Employment Center by the Prudential Foundation.

The \$3,000 grant "recognizes the leadership provided by various social service agencies who have excelled in their area," said Joseph J. Melone, President of The Prudential Insurance Company of America at an awards luncheon on January 19th attended by Arthur Wilson, President of the Board of the Employment Center and Michelle Odom, the agency's Executive Director.

In the case of the Employment

employment needs of many people in our local communities. Initially, the depression-level rates of unemployment suffered by primarily Black and Hispanic people in the Newark area was identified as a major challenge.

Aim was taken at this insidious scourge — unemployment — by establishing a no-fee employment counseling and placement service open to all job seekers age 16 and above.

In fairly short order, the Employment Center focused even more attention on the still greater barriers to employment experienced by youth, Hispanic and Haitian job seekers. Special projects were established by

for people, many of whom desperately needed work and knew little about how to make that happen.

"Counselors at the Employment Center, sensitive to the needs of employers for qualified applicants

and the needs of job seekers for positions that pay the rent and feed the soul, do an outstanding job of satisfying the requirements of both. Prudential's award substantially recognized this success," said Odom.

Networking For Newark Students

"Challenging, interesting and very visible," were the words Desire Boykins used to describe her position with the School Partnership Program, a project of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce and the Newark Board of Education.

Desire is about to celebrate her six-month anniversary with the organization which seeks to facilitate communication between businesses, civic organizations, community people and the Newark Board of Education.

Desire was referred for the Administrative Assistant position by New Community Corporation Employment Center counselor Mary Bins. "Desire is vivacious, enthusiastic, creative and very articulate," said Mary, "and I just knew she would be perfect for this position."

Desire has two years marketing experience and is about to receive a bachelor's degree in Advertising and Public Relations. "Mary was very helpful and only sent me on interviews for jobs that she felt would be challenging. She realized how unhappy I would be in a monotonous job and tried really hard to channel my talents in the right direction."

"My typing skills needed some improvement and Mary encouraged me to practice. In fact, for several weeks I was allowed to use the typewriter at the Employment Center during lunch when it was free," Desire recalled.

Mary's encouragement and Desire's determination paid off in short order. "I'm now doing exactly the kinds of things I've been trained to do, and I realize how lucky I am to have this opportunity," said Desire.

The School Partnership Program reaches out for resource people in various sectors of the community and helps to arrange opportunities for them to make presentations, conduct workshops, or other activities, with students and teachers in the Newark

school system. One partnership Desire is especially proud of is one she coordinated between the New Jersey Dental School at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, and Newark students.

Dr. Kenneth Chance, the Director of External Affairs for the dental school, was invited to make presentations to several groups of students in which he and three senior dental students (Sharon Simpkins, Vel Duzdevich and Maritza Dominguez), discussed preventive care, decay, nutrition, careers and other aspects of dentistry.

The presentations, conducted so far at six different schools, have been enthusiastically received by thousands of grade-school students and will continue throughout the year, according to Dr. Chance. In the weeks ahead, the dentists will do dental health screenings on the students and assist them with handling any problems identified. Additionally, Newark students will visit the dental school, and tour the museum and classrooms in an effort to further expose youngsters to this potential career.

"She's fantastic — a very dedicated, energetic and thorough individual," commented Dr. Chance when questioned about Desire Boykins. "Desire handled all of the communications between the dental school and the grade schools, did all the scheduling, prepared all the materials and was really the glue that made it come together. She really knows how to get things done," he said.

Desire, a lifetime resident of Newark and product of its school system, concluded, "This job is perfect for me because it allows me to give something back to the community that has given me so much, in a way that is personally fulfilling. I very much appreciate New Community Employment Center for helping me to find this opportunity."

L. Michelle Odom



President of the Board of New Community Employment Center Arthur Wilson (L), Michelle Odom (center) and Joseph J. Melone (R), President of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, reflect their pleasure concerning the Employment Center's grant.

Center, recognition was based on the more than 1,000 people placed in permanent, full-time jobs during 1987.

The Prudential has assisted the Employment Center financially from its earliest days almost four years ago. It has watched the growth and development, step-by-step, as the Employment Center forged ahead with its mission of linking local people with local jobs. Then, in a very grand and thoughtful way, the Foundation took time to express their pride for the many accomplishments of the Employment Center.

New Community Corporation Employment Center has from the very beginning recognized the special

assigning the full-time energies of an employment counselor to each of those groups.

The results are impressive. With all 1987 records now reported, Odom said that "the General Employment Project connected people with jobs 625 times in 1987, the Youth Project placed 212 people, the Hispanic Project (which operated 11 months) helped 167 people find jobs, and the Haitian Project (established in September with a grant from United Way), placed 63 of its applicants in positions of gainful employment. The very grand total was one thousand and sixty seven (1,067) job placements

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Desiré Boykins checks her files concerning information as part of her varied duties in communications at the School Partnership program.

Local Economy Challenges Future...

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1970, Blacks earned \$61 for every \$100 earned by whites, and now that number has shrunk.

We can also see nationally that the proportion of Black people earning less than \$5,000 had by 1986, leaped dramatically over the 1970 level, and well outpaces the proportion of white families with earnings at this level.

The 1980 Census shows that Newark residents receive the lowest average household income in the county; Newark people have a per capita income of \$4,525. You need not be a learned economist to know, there's very little one person can do with \$4,525.

The statistical presentations of the 1980 Census were particularly horrifying with regard to the impoverishment experienced by local people. The researchers found that one-third — imagine that — 33% — of Newark's people exist with incomes below or at the poverty level. Thirty-three percent. And, this rate of poverty is consistent in the Black community throughout this land.

A July 31, 1987, New York Times article reported that the upper 20% of the population has increased its share of total income from 43.3% in 1970 to 46.1% in 1986, while the lowest 20% of the population has seen its share decrease from 4.1% to 3.8%. The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

Poverty implies a state of existence resulting in loss of power and control to determine one's standard of living. It implies inferior health care and education, ill-preparedness and political powerlessness. Homelessness.

Newark Unemployment Disproportionately Higher

The Census, as well as more current indices, show further that Newark residents as a whole suffer depression-level rates of unemployment. Thus, even now we cannot share in the jubilation indicated by the state-wide boom because we realize that our life and the lives of the people we know, are not a party to recent successes in other parts of the local economy.

In stark and bleak contrast to the current state-wide unemployment rate of approximately 4%, the people who live in Newark experience a rate of approximately 13% and this number is magnified many times over when we look at any of the hardest hit groups such as Central Ward residents, Latinos, teens, or

people no longer counted among the unemployed. What groups such as these encounter, is known as **structural unemployment**, meaning the available job openings and business opportunities (no matter how plentiful), are not structured to accommodate the education and experience levels of average people in these groups — whose education and training was structured so as to dispossess or prevent them from achieving economic empowerment.

What Economic Challenges Face Local People Today?

As classes and subclasses of people, we all view the economy from different perspectives — depending upon our position in it. As the economy changes, or in other words, as the ways in which we earn a living change, our tasks and challenges must change accordingly.

Black people, for example, were at one point concerned with earning the right to receive wages — at any level — in exchange for their labors. At another stage in our social, political and economic development, the focus shifted to inclusion into some of the higher paying, especially manufacturing, jobs.

The focus has shifted yet again and we, Black, Poor and working class people, must now be concerned with how we will fit into a changing economy that has already managed to dispossess large numbers in our group. Or, how will we change the economic structure so that visible and tangible gains can be made in our access to good jobs, affordable housing, quality education and daycare, quality health care and other critical services? How will we achieve access to services which uphold our dignity and self-respect? How will we achieve economic empowerment?

Nearly 125,000 factory jobs have been lost to plant closures or relocations in New Jersey since 1979. Analysts predict another 3,000 jobs will be closed by the end of this month. As the manufacturing hub of the state and country, we know that Essex County is hardest hit by the shifts occurring in the state's economy.

Economic Apartheid Created

New Jersey is moving toward a service-based economy. The downside to this transformation is the generally low wages workers in this sector receive. Compounding this downside is the fact that most of the new openings are occurring outside the major population areas. According to a

recently released report of the NJ Council of Churches, in recent years New Jersey cities have lost nearly 29% of their jobs while suburban areas increased jobs by 37%. "The result," the Council concluded, "is a transportation system that moves people from places of poverty in the cities to jobs in elegant suburban malls, stores and hotels but returns them to their poverty ghetto at the end of each day." The Council describes this trend as indicative of an American version of **apartheid**.

The problems of poverty and unemployment relate directly to the burgeoning housing crisis we are now witnessing. According to the Bloomfield Tenants Organization and the New Jersey Tenants Organization, more than 1,000 apartments a week in Essex County are being converted to condos. The NJ Council of Churches reports that only three counties provide average rentals within one-third of the average earnings in the country. This means, most people are being forced to pay more than a fair market rent for the dwellings which do exist.

In Newark, it appears that soon there will be no place for the current residents to live. Between 1980 and 1986, Newark lost 4,774 more housing units than it built. In his recent State of the City message, Mayor James reports plans for building up to 3,500 units of housing in 1988, **with a mere 100 units dedicated to low-income housing**. Now maybe my math is wrong, but even a cursory review of these numbers suggests that the thousands of homeless people drifting through the city cannot

reasonably expect any meaningful assistance from local authorities.

Another issue of prime significance to local people is the garbage crisis. Where will it go? Four years ago, the cost of dumping outside the state was about \$11 per ton. Now the cost has shot up to over \$100 per ton for Essex County. This inflation will most likely be reflected in property tax rates which are reported to rise by \$1.58 this year to \$14.84 per \$100 assessed valuation. Yet despite a surplus of \$1.2 billion, no money has been set aside in Gov. Kean's proposed budget to help off-set these costs. The burden will be borne by the working poor.

How will we achieve economic empowerment? The nation's economic difficulties of a towering budget, trade deficit, the declining dollar, and nervous financial markets have reduced the resources and the will to help the economic problems of Black and poor people according to the 1988 State of Black America report released by the National Urban League.

How will we achieve economic empowerment? The answer to this question, it seems, must be found at the individual level. Each person must be concerned with securing their economic destiny. As we go through this thought process, however, it becomes glaringly clear that there is very little we can accomplish as **individuals**, and unlimited gains to be made **collectively**. The leadership we show in our homes, schools, workplaces and social relations will determine where we will go as a group and our success or failure at securing our own future and that of our children.

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—Oliver Wendell Holmes

No man is suddenly a good walker. Many men begin with good resolution, but they do not hold out.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

A Look At Nursing Home Legislation

Recently, the hospitals' rate setting commission granted an increase in their reimbursement rate, exceeding eight percent to help pay increasing Nursing costs. Difficulties in recruiting and retaining nurses had pushed nurses salaries to a new high. Long term care facilities are under the same pressure in trying to recruit and retain nurses. Unfortunately, long term care facilities have not received any rate adjustment to help pay for increasing costs.

Nursing homes requested from the state a five dollar per day rate increase effective January 1, 1988 and an additional five dollar per day increase July 1, 1988 to help ease the severe cash flow problems being experienced by Nursing homes. However, no rate setting commission exists for Nursing homes to grant relief. Therefore, it is necessary to make an appeal to the State Legislature. A bill authorizing the re-

quested increase is now making its way through the Assembly. As of this moment the bill faces an uncertain future since it must also be passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor.

Even if this increase is approved, nursing homes will face more cost pressure in the future. Last December, Congress enacted the Nursing Home Quality Care Amendments of 1987. His act among other things will increase the amount of nursing hours nursing homes will be required to provide each day. While Congress budgeted funds to pay for the federal share of the cost of these reforms, the states must agree to fund their share. The act, which is supported by both providers and consumers will become effective July 1, 1988.

Leroy Canady,
Executive Director

History In Our Midst

Some years ago a young woman arrived in the city of Baltimore from British Honduras alone and anxious. She felt first hand, the double standards practiced here according to race and sex. Rather than be burdened by this she used her brains and personality to "teach" others the importance of the individual. Her pattern of interaction was and is always respectful, open and honest. Are we talking about Harriet Tubman or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton?

No, we at the Extended Care were planning celebrations for Women's History month, March 1988. Within our facility we have approximately 95% women, each with a unique story of success and struggle, and we were talking about our own Betty Garbutt, Director of Environmental Services, who, is well known for her infectious laugh, ready smile and willing hand. Two months ago Ms. Garbutt was selected as the Garden State Chapter Representative to the Board of the National Executive Housekeepers Association. What was her response? She laughed aloud and said "I don't believe it!" "Who me?"

Ms. Garbutt has had hands on and classroom experience in every aspect of infection control in the health care



Betty Garbutt

system. To gain this knowledge took much energy as she was also wife and mother of two daughters and one son. Betty shares this expertise with us and is recognized by her peers. The nicest part of our conversation with Betty was that it struck us that noble women aren't just in history books but right beside us and with us.

Congratulations, and thanks for being a part of N.C.C.

Sr. Mary Pauline Hogan

Reflections: The Golden Years

As I move rapidly down the path toward retirement I cannot help but think of the song Maurice Chevalier sang in a movie "I'm glad I'm not young any more." The practice of Medicine has truly been a rewarding



Dr. Paul Kearney

period of life that I found the senior citizen a pleasure to take care of. Although their complaints were many, their response to Medical care and our interest in their well-being was in itself a reward. However, my best instructor was a famous Pediatrician, Dr. Harrold A. Murray who stimulated my interest in child care. Thus it is not unusual that I spent some thirty-five years in Pediatrics and am a Medical Director of New Community Extended Care Facility.

After the war, Newark began its decline. Because of the automobile, people who could, moved out of the city. Those who stayed were left with closing industries, rise in taxes, corruption, etc. and finally the riots. All suffered but most unfortunately the elderly. Because of this, Monsignor Linder and Mary Smith recognized their plight and immediately reached out to produce better housing. They knew how much Community living would add to improvement in care. It would produce friendships, group help and concern. What we have now is a tribute to their foresight, even to this beautiful 180 bed Nursing Home.

All of us getting old need the following: Adequate Housing; friends; involvement in communal areas; good medical care; security. Remarkable that all of these are present in New Community.

I was walking the corridor of Newark City Hospital some 45 years ago with an elderly and refined gentleman, a Gynecologist of note. He said to me, "Kearney, don't grow old." For some thirty years I pondered his words. I know now what he meant. Keep busy, help others, for in helping others, you are helping yourself.

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Medical Director,
N.C.C. Extended Care Facility

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Look For A New Beginning

It is that time of year when the ice begins to thaw, flowers blossom and the coats come off, to reveal all that winter has been storing up.

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A Giant Step Taken



Alinda Thomas

Alinda Thomas has been with Babyland Nursery for three years. In December, 1987, Ms. Thomas completed and received her A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Ms. Thomas hopes to continue her studies towards her B.A. at Kean College or Jersey City State College.

Currently, Alinda is the Union Shop-Steward at Babyland I and is an active member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Babyland is very proud of Alinda Thomas and wish her **Congratulations and Much Success** in her life.

Lorraine Crawford
Babyland I
Center Supervisor

99 Years Young

The Extended Care Facility celebrated the birthday of its oldest resident, Mr. Joshua Spruill, on Thursday, February 4, 1988. Mr. Spruill who is fondly called "Papa

a child was stickball. He is very independent and needs very little assistance. Papa Spruill's pastimes are sitting outside or in the social room and talking to visitors and staff.



"Papa" Spruill enjoys his birthday cake amidst well-wishers Paul Harper and Mrs. Dudley, Jerri Hughes (rear L) and Director Leroy Canady (rear R).

Spruill" was 99 years old on January 26, 1988.

Papa Spruill was born and raised in North Carolina and hopes to return there someday. His favorite game as

He enjoys religious services, festive events and baseball.

On any given day you will see Papa Spruill talking to the staff of the Extended Care Facility imparting words

He Has Energy And Heart To Spare

Henry Louis DeGroat has been director of the Roseville Senior Citizens Club since December 1983. As Director his jovial nature and positive ideas bring happiness to many older people who need a lift from their sometimes problem filled lives.

The saying that behind each man there exists a good woman is true in Lou's case too, since his mother was responsible in a roundabout way for his joining the formerly all lady group. She had spoken often of a friend, Mrs. Finneran, who owned a funeral home on Roseville Avenue and who was Director of the Club to which Mrs. DeGroat also belonged. Upon his mother's death, Lou finally met Mrs. Finneran, whom he described as "the nicest lady" and when he retired in 1981 he asked to join the Club. They welcomed him enthusiastically. The Roseville Senior Citizens, begun in 1965, was sponsored by St. Rose Church and Lou ended up cooking for their meetings in the basement of the Church. His involvement grew, and when Mrs. Finneran died in November 1983 he was unanimously elected Director "with support." Bette Cortese, a member, promised they would all pitch in and help if he took the job, and they have been true to their word.

The seniors appreciate getting together on the first and third Thursday of the month, and when New Community Manor Senior building opened, they were invited to use the lovely new community room in the Manor for their functions.

The 70 members of the Club still live in the Roseville area, and enjoy bus excursions to Atlantic City, Seaside, Asbury Park and the Aquarium in New York City. They have visited the Amish country with its unique food and shopping. Lou enjoys planning the outings.

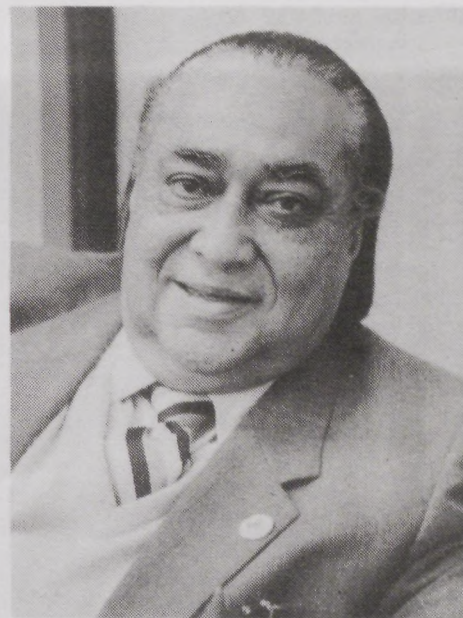
Three large parties are held each year on St. Patrick's Day, the Club Anniversary date in September and a Christmas Party in December.

Volunteerism has always been a part of his life, and the Roseville Club members benefit.

Mr. DeGroat was born over a stable on Main Street in Ramsey when that area was all farmland. His father was a Mohawk Indian belonging to the Ramapough tri-racial tribe in that area. As a child they traveled around a lot because of his father's employment in construction, until they final-

ly settled in Newark when he was twelve. When his father developed a heart condition, his mother became the family's sole support (Lou has a brother and sister).

Part of Lou's education was received at Bernet Street Junior High School; much of it came from his own love of reading. Lou worked in a doctor's office, managing it, then went off to work for the Schaeffer Camera



Lou DeGroat

Company in Newark as a manager. From there he joined Wallace and Tiernan Tool company where he worked in the Tool Crib. His knowledge of tools and fixtures needed for the production job made him unique and he was highly respected by his co-workers.

An interesting note concerning his Indian heritage was that they are "clannish" said Lou. "You're different," he was told by his father. "He was hard on that," Mr. DeGroat said, "in order to keep the heritage alive. It took me a long time to accept other people." He is a person now who accepts and loves all people and respects each persons' heritage.

It was fun to learn of old time Newark from him, such as the two drum and bugle corps — The Imperial Lancers and St. Martin's Troubadors — which practiced at South 8th Street School in the Winter and Branch Brook Park in the Summer, giving wonderful activities to the participants. The Roseville Armory had a Rodeo once a year, revealed Lou, and the annual Halloween Parade was high excitement.

Mr. DeGroat was a member of St. Joseph's Church (which is now St. Joseph Plaza) and president of its Holy Name Society in the 60's. He would come over to Bodthols Diner on Orange Street after Mass — his favorite place, and the Roseville Deli had great pastrami sandwiches or chicken and noodles to take out. Roseville Avenue was called Doctor's Row years ago because of the number of doctors, dentists, optometrists, etc. whose offices were there.

And Roseville was the place to shop — you met all your neighbors there.

That reflection brought him back to the present, and the needs of his seniors. "That shopping center," he said referring to the New Community project, "would be a **Godsend!**" Let's hope it happens soon.

of wisdom and colorful anecdotes.

Papa Spruill was very happy and pleased with his birthday party. He mentioned how grateful he was to everyone for this demonstration of love. He said, "I thank GOD for enabling me to associate with all of you today." Then he proceeded to give us some words of wisdom. "GOD said honor thy mother and thy father and thy days will be long." He also noted that children don't believe that scripture any more. He concluded that "I've been here a long time and will be here longer."

GOD bless you Papa Spruill and may you live a longer, healthier and happier life!

Barbara Moore Wortman,
Coordinator of Activities

Security Corner

Training Continues

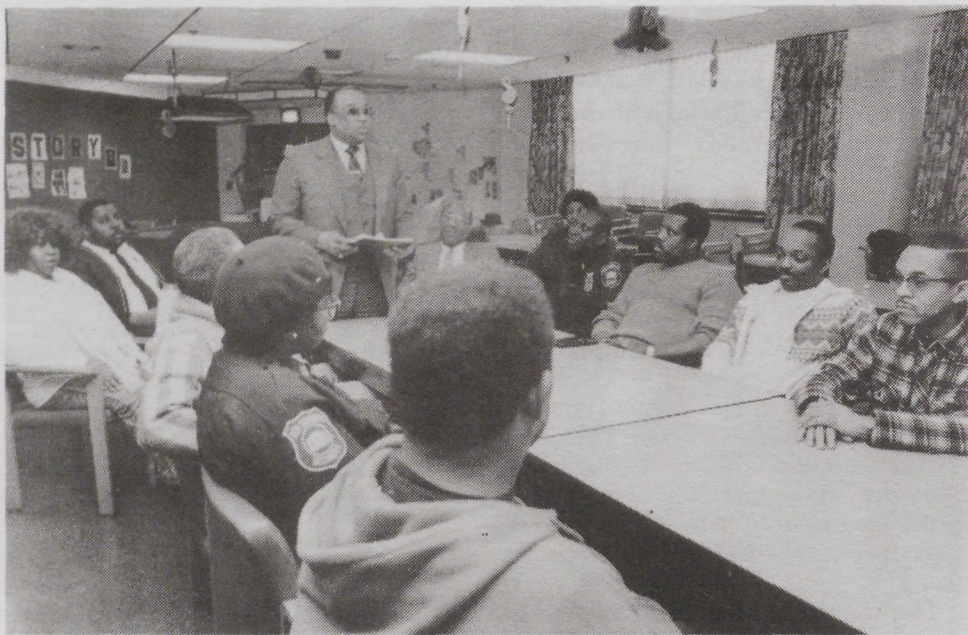
The Department of Security for the New Community Corporation held training sessions for three days on February 8, 9, and 10 for its nearly 100 member security force.

The training sessions were given in the Community Room of the NCC Commons Senior building, 140 South Orange Avenue.

The curriculum consisted of the following subjects: an orientation on the philosophy of the New Community Corporation; community relations; report writing; incident policy and

Officer Fitzgerald joined New Community Security on May 15, 1987, after having been employed by the Newark Housing Authority for twenty five years.

Prior to his employment with the Newark Housing Authority, he was a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict from May 1952 to March 1954, with the rank of Private First Class. As a rifleman in I (Item) Company, Third Marine Division, during a battle in Seoul, Korea, he was wounded during a hand grenade at-



Security Director Jim DuBose updates the training of a class of his officers to keep them on their toes.

procedures; rules and regulations; court room behavior; protecting crime scene and evidence; first aid (procedures in handling situations that require immediate medical attention); and self-defense.

Classes were conducted by the newly appointed NCC Training Officer, Sergeant William Cameron, who was assisted by Director DuBose and Associate Director, Otis Rhynes.

Lessons learned at the In-Service Training sessions are reinforced at daily roll-calls conducted at the security Base Station on each shift.

The training which is mandatory for all security officers, is all part of the New Community's obtainable goal of excellence, demanded of its employees, via the training and orientation process.

Most of the security officers, upon completion of each class, expressed their thanks and appreciation for the training sessions, and the desire to become better officers as a direct result of the training.

In the words of Director DuBose, sending a security officer out on the street, without the benefit of training, is almost like sending a carpenter out to fix a cabinet or door, without a hammer and nails.

Officer Of The Month

The New Community Corporation Department of Security has selected Security Officer David Fitzgerald as "Officer of the Month," for February, 1988.

The selection of Security Officer Fitzgerald was unanimously endorsed by both the Director of Security, James Dubose and the Associate Director, Otis Rhynes, as well as their sergeants.

tack in July, 1953. He was awarded the **Purple Heart**, and **Battle Star**, and several other medals.

The ever pleasant and mild mannered officer, assigned to the NCC Condominiums site located at Camden Street and Fourteenth Avenue, has never wavered in his loyalty and dedication to duty. He has maintained an excellent attendance record, has never been late for work



S/O Fitzgerald receives a congratulatory handshake from Pearl Beatty of Essex County's Dept. of Elections, who recommended him for the job.

and is always neatly attired in his uniform.

Officer Fitzgerald has said of his new profession "as a security officer, and being a former military man, I enjoy the pride and discipline demanded of a New Community Security Officer."

Security Officer Fitzgerald was

Black History Notes

Newark Police Honor First Black Officer

More than one hundred years ago a Black policeman of the Newark Police Department, Augustus Dickerson, was shot and wounded; his white partner was shot and killed while trying to effectuate the arrest of two brothers. The story is recorded in the History of the Newark Police Department, The Relief Publishing Co., 1893, PP. 363-364, and reads as follows:

"Robert Ellsden, Jr., and a fellow officer named Dickerson went to the home of the Thielhorn brothers to serve a process of arrest. The brothers had been arrested before, as they

officer in the Newark Police Department. If one will note in the above summation the word "colored" is specified for Dickerson and only his last name used while his partner's name is listed fully.

Dickerson's full name was ascertained by this writer only after extensive research in the Newark Public Library Census and city directories of 1876.

Officer Dickerson was living at 12 Beecher Street at the time of the incident. His name first appeared in the directory as living at 27 Walnut Street; Occupation: Policeman. Using



Newark Police Director Louis Greenleaf places a wreath on Officer Dickerson's grave during the memorial service commemorating his achievement as Newark's first Black policeman. Flanked by a color guard and Sgt. Herbert Friday, past president of the Bronze Shields, NCC Security Director Jim DuBose addresses the large crowd attending the ceremony.

believed unjustly, and had sworn never to be taken alive. The officers had armed themselves, and by practice were proficient in the use of their weapons. Ellsden was shot dead almost on sight and Dickerson, who was colored, received a bullet in the back which he ever afterwards carried. The brothers became frenzied after their first shots and ran through the streets, firing recklessly right and left. They were bound for Dawson's factory, intent upon killing the man whom they believed caused the issue of the warrant. They were pursued by the workmen in the factory, driven to the river's bank and out into the stream and stoned to death.

Research revealed that Dawson's factory was a patent and enameled leather manufacturer which was located at 123 Ferry Street. The river is the fabled Passaic River.

Their bodies were recovered and the County was saved the expense of a trial and execution."

It is interesting to note that more than 100 years ago there was at least one integrated team of police officers in Newark. However, in the sixties, an air of tension prevailed when the department integrated its personnel in radio cars.

As far as can be determined, Dickerson was the first Black police

presented an engraved plaque for his achievement from the NCC Department of Security and the Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark, who are co-sponsors of the Officer of the Month Program.

this same occupation listing as a guide, it was apparent he left the department sometime between 1876 and 1879.

In 1881, while living at 414 Halsey Street, he applied for a restaurant license on the premises located at 275 Market Street. The application for renewal appeared every year until 1894.

On July 3, 1895, Mr. Dickerson lapsed into a diabetic coma, before succumbing to melitis gangrene at the age of 53, while living at 18 Beaver Street.

First Black U.S. Pilot Was A Woman

The story of black participation in aviation is filled with names of courageous men and women who had to overcome enormous social pressures in order to gain the right to pursue the dream of flight with all of its risks and rewards.

One important breakthrough that set the stage for blacks in flight was the obtaining of a license by a Chicagoan, Bessie Coleman.

In 1922, Miss Coleman became the first licensed black pilot in the United States. After completing her flight training in France, she returned to America to pursue a career as a barnstormer. She broke into aviation as a stunt pilot in the early 1920's.

She died in 1926, at the age of 33 in an aircraft accident. Her brief flying career inspired many young blacks to enter into the field of aviation.

The Douglas

It doesn't have to be spring for thoughts to turn to love; this also happens in February. Because of Valentine's Day on the fourteenth, at the Douglas we like to think of this as Love Week.

We thank the Park and Recreation Commission and Chink Wing, for the love they showed by sending their band to play for our building. It made Wednesday, February 17, a memorable day.

We thank the band for putting so much love into their music and playing the songs we could relate to.

We thank all those living/visiting in our building for dropping in because they cared.

There was swinging, swaying and dancing; love was in the air; a good time was had by all, with provided afterwards.

Alma Hanks



Fun Day At Roseville

Laughter and applause could be heard in the community room at Roseville on Friday morning, February 19th. No outside speaker was the cause of the merriment but it was the special group of tenants who turned out to compete in the Handicap Fun Day Program.

All who participated were stars, but Elizabeth Singleton won admiration with her perfect "strike" in the bowling contest. Bessie Alston demonstrated her skill with the basketball while Etta Lynch entertained the group with her comments.

Mattie Jones, though blind, scored points in the paddle ball contest and Charlie Cameron and Rose Williams were the winning team in that event. Stuffed animals were awarded to all the challengers.

Later in the afternoon, a group gathered to watch the first video movie at Roseville - "The Color Purple." A friendly spirit and good times are what the tenants at Roseville are striving to keep alive. A hearty breakfast is available in the community room each morning and activities such as the above are aimed at developing a sense of community where concern for each other is primary.

Sister Kathleen Coll

Parents Anonymous

Support Groups are very popular these days. From aerobics to zoo supporters, there is one to meet every need. All you have to do is look.

Parents Anonymous is one such group. It meets locally on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 at College Hospital (Main Entrance; level C; Room 455).

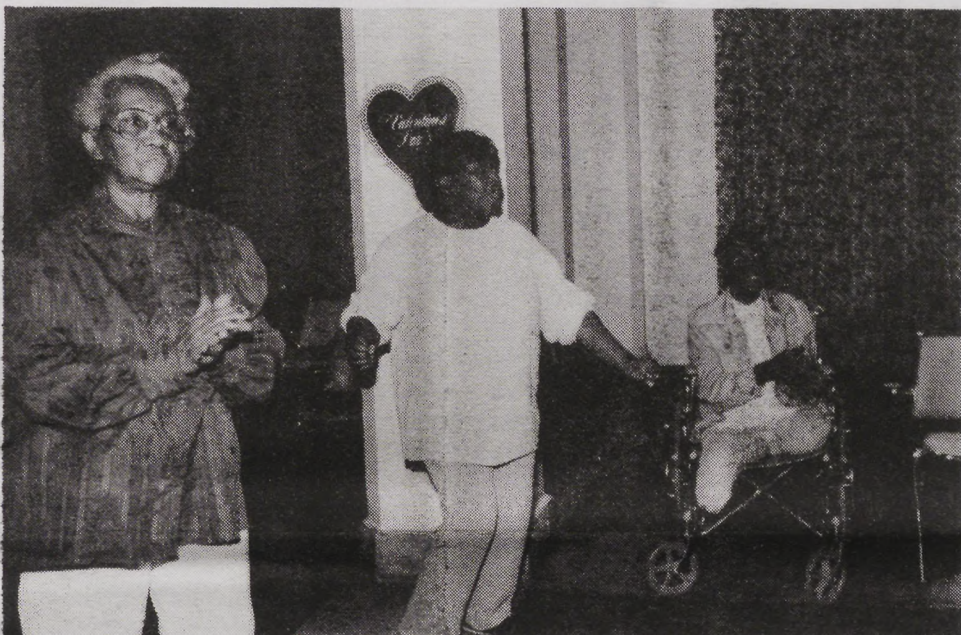
One of the tenants of Manor Families and her children have been attending these meetings for two years. At a particularly down time in her life she was referred to the group by her physician, because she had been taking out on her children her frustrations with unemployment, physical illness and depression.

Parents Anonymous brings troubled parents together to discuss their own problems or problems their children are giving them.

Group members are a support for

each other. Different ways of dealing with problems are discussed, and solutions are shared. One of the group's slogans is "Don't scream, take time out."

If you need help for your family, it is there. Parents Anonymous helped this tenant through a rough time. She learned a lot about herself and how to deal with her problems. Perhaps Parents Anonymous could help you too.



(Top photo) Roseville resident Claudio Maxwell's excellent voice accompanies Chink Wink's fabulous jazz ensemble.

(Lower photo) Powerful rhythms pull everyone into the beat.



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Inspirational Chorus

The 180 Inspirational Gospel Chorus was looking forward to the evening of January 23, 1988 with great enthusiasm; it would be the evening of their ninth Anniversary and they were to be video taped. It was to be a special and exciting occasion.

The evening proved to be both exciting and uplifting. Hearts were made to rejoice, feet were tapping, and people were clapping their hands, from the music emanating from the choirs and solos. Words of inspiration were spoken by some guests, which gave food for thought.

The officers, Phyllis Burton, Pres., Ethel Cummings, Vice-Pres.; Janie Godbolt and Willie Sharpe, Secretaries; Ellen Watson, Business Manager; Sadie Barber, Chaplain; Viola Henry, Treasurer; Evangelist Betty Lawrence, Musician and Directress, and members of the 180 Inspirational Chorus, thank everyone who helped to make our anniversary the success that it was. We are very grateful for your participation. Without you, there would have been no anniversary.

Senior Citizen Organization

Wednesday, February 9, the Senior Citizen Organization held their monthly meeting. This was election night, which made it special. After the votes were counted most of the officers held their same positions. Maude Jones, Pres., Phyllis Burton, Vice-Pres., Kathleen Charles and Beatrice Graham, Secretaries; Emma Johnson, Treasurer; Marylyn Mason, Chairperson of sick committee; Minnie Bass, Treasurer of sick committee; Ann Love, chairperson of registering names for affairs; Nora Smith and Rosa Wyatt, birthday committee; Ida Johnson, Chaplain. The organization is looking forward to a happy and prosperous year.

Wedding Bells Ring

On December 10th, 1987 Paula Cerezo and Hasia Manuel were united in Holy Matrimony. The wedding was performed in their apartment. They have lived here for over a year and Mrs. Manuel says she like it here very much because the people are nice. Mr. Manuel agrees.

The tenants feel they are a warm and friendly couple and are glad to have them as friends and neighbors.

We wish them a blessed and happy marriage. Love is for everyone.

At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

NCC Homemaker Home Health Aides Graduated

On February 11, 1988 New Community's own first graduating class of Homemaker/Home Health Aides completed their 4 week training program and received their diplomas. State Certification will be the next step up their professional career ladder.

The eight graduates: Evelyn Bell,

they were undertaking, in service to people who really need them...elderly and disabled people in their homes who want to remain independent as long as possible. She commented with pride on the hard work and multiple testing which qualified them for their certificates and congratulated each and every one personally.



The proud graduates and their teaching staff sit for a group portrait.

Delphinia Blue, Barbara Godwin, Maria Ramos, Omata Pope, Kim Langley, Cusandra Finney and Alice Dickerson were understandably proud of their accomplishment.

Barbara Godwin received awards for outstanding academic achievement and perfect attendance. Maria Ramos and Alice Dickerson, received awards for perfect attendance.

Sr. Anastasia Hearne, Director of Social Services, spoke to the graduates about the noble venture

Virginia Williams, R.N., one of the Program Supervisors, congratulated the graduates on behalf of the staff, and presented them with green and white carnations and other tokens of appreciation of their hard work.

Miranda Guy, R.N., Program Director wished them good luck. NCC is very proud of these women, and enthusiastic about the brighter future they have because of the Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program.

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett

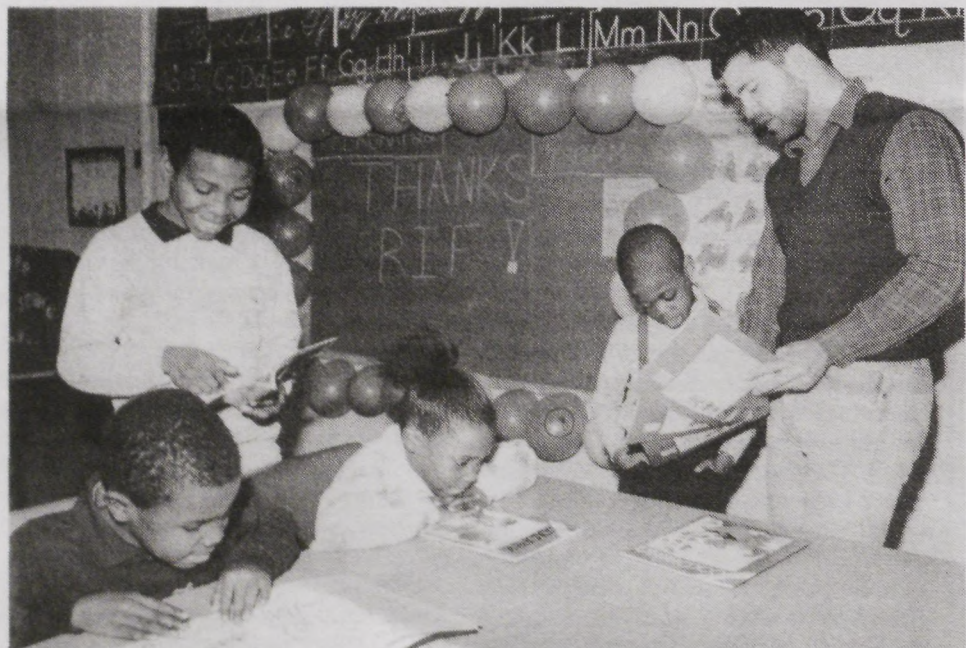
Books To Enjoy

On Monday, February 22, 1988, the NCC After School Program had its first Reading Is Fundamental book distribution at 220 Bruce Street. RIF is a national program which encourages children to learn how to enjoy reading. Each child in the program received a book compliments of RIF and the NCC Social Services Department which they will be able

to keep for themselves. Special thanks to Mowbrey McKinley for all the work she has done with the RIF Program.

The next book distribution for the children in the After School Program is in April.

Thomas Mannard
After School Program Coordinator



After-schoolers take pleasure in their new books, encouraged by Thom Mannard, an avid reader himself.

Gifts Give Youth A Chance

E.J. Grassmann Trust Gives \$5,000 Grant To After School Program

In response to a request from the NCC Social Services Department E.J. Grassmann Trust gave a grant of \$5,000 to purchase a computer and related materials for the After School Program.

The Social Services Department extends appreciation and gratitude to Mr. William V. Engel, Executive Director, E.J. Grassmann Trust, for making it possible for the children of NCC's After School Program to have the opportunity for exposure to and hands on experience with a computer, so vital in the highly technological world in which they are growing up.

It is through the generosity of foundations like E.J. Grassmann Trust that Newark's inner-city children can develop the necessary skills to compete in our society.

We thank you E.J. Grassmann Trust.

CPC International Becomes A NCC RIF Project Sponsor

In response to a request to Joseph R. Ellicott, Manager Community Relations from NCC's Social Services Department, CPC INTERNA-

TIONAL gave a grant of \$1,500 to the After School Program's Reading Is Fundamental project. RIF is a national non-profit organization that helps children discover the joy and importance of reading through a nationwide network of 3,100 local projects such as the one in NCC, which was made possible through RIF's Give the Gift of Literacy grant.

The grant from CPC International will be applied to purchase additional books and to special projects.

CPC International's World headquarters is located in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. It is an international manufacturer of consumer and industrial non-food and food products such as Hellmann Mayonnaise and Skippy Peanut Butter.

Joseph R. Ellicott stated in his letter that he was "pleased to advise that the Contributions Committee approved our request." We are extremely pleased that CPC International is being supportive towards Newark's children and we thank you.

Any individual or corporation wishing to donate money, books, supplies to our RIF program or any of our projects should contact the Social Service Department at 623-6114.

Mowbrey McKinley

March Senior Calendar

Friday, March 11 - 9:00 Senior Day at Health Spa

Monday, March 14 - 9:00 St. Joseph Breakfast (Seniors 20% discount)

Wednesday, March 16 - 9:00 Focal Point Meeting at NC Commons

Thursday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day; St. Paddy's Celebration by Golden Age Club at NC Manor 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monthly Birthday Celebration at NC Associates Nutrition Site. 12-1 p.m. Come and join the fun.



Friday, March 18 - 8:00 Roberta Flack appearing at Newark's Symphony Hall.; St. Rose of Lima Hosts A Night Of Fun. School Auditorium 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 19 - 9:00 a.m. Trip to Willow Brook Mall .50¢

Saturday, March 26 - 8:00 "Mama I Wanna Sing" Showing at Newark's Symphony Hall.; Egg Hunt at NC Manor \$1.00 for grandchildren

Sunday, March 27 - 10:30 - St. Rose Children's Choir presents "The Passion Play" at St. Rose of Lima Church. Come and Experience it on Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 31 - Holy Thursday; All are invited to a Last Supper Celebration at St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium. Services and congregate dinner at 7:00 p.m. - Bring a dish to share.

Friday, April 1 - Good Friday; April Fool's Day

Reminders: •Chinese Auction at Roselle Catholic High School Saturday, April 30, 1988. \$20.00. Food, Fun, Dancing.

•Older American King and Queen Pageant - May 14th (Time and place to be announced.)

Newton Street School

Newton Street School celebrated the closing of "Black History Month" with a journey through Black History presented by Madada Incorporated. Mrs. Karimu F. Harvey, Miss Badriyyah A. Johnson and Ms. Janice D. Williams represented the Black Women's Organization that is affiliated with the Pan African Cultural Society.

The program included: poems, stories, art, music, dancing and beautiful costumes. Refreshments were served.

Special thanks to Madada Incorporated and Ms. Anita Wright first grade teacher-Hostess.

Badriyyah Johnson (front) and Janice Williams perform an exciting, fast-moving African dance.



NCC 2nd Annual Older American King And Queen Pageant Coming

May is Older American month and it is a special time set aside to give notice to our more mature citizens. To be an older American is a great achievement — to have witnessed the changes and innovations of time.

New Community will again honor its Older Americans by hosting its 2nd Annual Older American King and Queen pageant on Saturday, May 14th. (Time and place to be announced)

New Community has a wealth of diversity among its people, ages ranging from 0 to 110. A large percent of the population is comprised of citizens over the age of 55.

For a lot of our older citizens older is better and they have even become more active. Mrs. Viola Walker of NC Commons is a true example of a woman on the go. Mrs. Walker has a very busy schedule as she is active in the building coordinating many programs and also ready to attend con-

ferences and conventions which deal with current affairs.

Mr. Sam Farrar, of NC Gardens finds pleasure in driving the Medical Transportation van of New Community. He is always praised for his genuine concern and courteous manner, while doing a job some younger candidates might find trying.

Rev. Levinia Green and Mr. Ephaneus Shembly of NC Roseville are the reigning King and Queen for 1987. The two have fulfilled their role with the utmost dignity and have done a great deal of work to motivate their building. They have represented New Community on numerous occasions. Rev. Green is currently heading up the Congregate Breakfast program at NC Roseville and Mr. Shembly is always on hand to help with delivery arrivals, errands and to assist anyone who needs help.

We are seeking candidates from NC

Associates, NC Commons, NC Gardens, NC Douglas, NC Roseville, NC Manor and Douglass-Harrison to compete in the NCC 2nd Annual Older America King and Queen Pageant to be held in May.

Qualifications: 1) Active resident of New Community with involvement in some organization, i.e. Home Friends, Tenant Group.; 2) Over age 55.; 3) Able to compete in pageant on May 14th and appear on float in Summer Festival Parade on June 3rd.; 4) Need male and female to represent

each building.

To enter — Complete entry blank (available from social worker) to choose King and queen for individual building and submit to Social Worker in building - (Douglass-Harrison residents submit to management office). All entries must be in by Friday, April 8, 1988. Winners (1) male and (1) female from each building will be selected by random drawing and notified by mail. The (14) winners will go on to compete for the Older American King and Queen crowns.

Tom Thumb Wedding: Surrender To Fantasy

Surrender to Fantasy was the theme of the Tom Thumb Wedding held at St. Rose of Lima School on Saturday, Feb. 13. This event was the idea of the Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Mattie Murray. Planned since the close of the 1986-1987 school year, the Wedding was originally scheduled for December 1987, but was later re-scheduled to take place during the Valentine's Day weekend.

The Tom Thumb Wedding had all the pomp and circumstance of the real thing. The color scheme was red and white in celebration of Valentine's Day and the school's colors. The school auditorium was cheerfully decorated in dozens of large hand-made red and white flowers and yards of red and white streamers.

There was much anxiety the week of the wedding when it was predicted that a heavy snow would fall. As predicted the snow did come but despite the weather, the wedding took place as planned on Saturday at noon. All of the teachers involved in the planning were very pleased with the turnout of students, parents, relatives and friends.

Marie Jaward, a first grader was the beautiful bride. Marie was absolutely picture perfect in the full length white satin and lace gown with long flowing train and matching veil delicately trimmed in pearls and red flower buds. Marie's gown was designed and made by Mrs. Barbara Crawford, mother of a 7th grader at St. Rose. Chica Travis, a first grader, was the maid of honor. Chica wore a red satin gown trimmed in white lace with wide satin sash. Chica's gown was also the work of Mrs. Crawford.

Chica's head piece was a halo of small red flowers.

Zakkiyah Moses, a Kindergarten student, looked like an angel. Zakkiyah wore a short white lace dress and a halo of tiny red flowers. Master Michael Oliver was the proud bridegroom and Master Willis McCray was the best man. Michael and Willis wore formal white tailed tuxedos with red cummerbunds and bow ties. In keeping with the color scheme, the father of the bride, Master Marquis James, a Kindergartener, wore a red jacket with white slacks. Though small in size the bridal party rivaled any grown-up wedding.

As the video cameras rolled and dozens of pictures were taken Marie and Michael vowed before all present to be life long friends. Each vowed to always be kind, sharing and concerned about the other. The happy couple exchanged rings as a sign of their commitment to each other.

Dale Ellis, a sixth grader officiated at the ceremony and pronounced Marie and Michael life long friends. Dale closed the ceremony by reciting a poem by Frank D. Felts:

There are many priceless jewels

We may covet day by day,

and many wordly treasures

That we gather by the way,

But of all this life's possessions,

that human hearts defend,

There is none to hold more dearly

Than a special kind of friend.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony.

Martha Marshall
1st Grade Teacher



A solemn moment for members of the wedding party, delighting the audience of parents and friends.

They Deeply Believed

"...One nation, under God indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all..."

There were many who deeply believed in this and despite all odds kept pushing to insure that each man woman and child attained freedom, respect, dignity and self worth. Sometimes this was achieved by helping a group of people despite the personal risk of the individual designated as a leader.

Mary McCloud Bethum, believed in freedom and was willing to risk all, to help others achieve this basic liberty. She founded the Underground Railroad and helped many escape from a life of bondage.

Rosa Parks, could not see why a person could not decide for themselves where they should sit. A basic right of freedom of choice was being dealt to a selected few. This was not right, according to the Constitution. Mrs. Parks chose to change things by riding in the front of the bus which is where she wanted to be. Her perseverance paid off and the

discrimination on buses dissipated.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. faced widespread resistance trying to awaken and enlighten everyone that freedom and unity were and are important if we are to exist as a civilized society. Dr. King Jr., had a dream, as all the ones before him, a dream which must not be allowed to get lost and fade away.

Bishop Desmond Tutu relayed this dream to his people and the crusade continues.

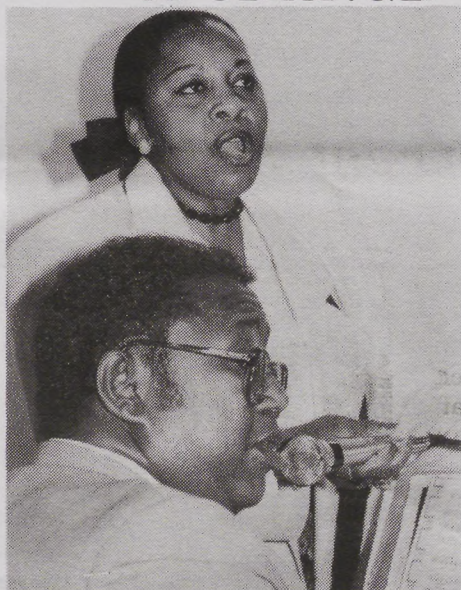
Let everyone reflect on what has transpired, of all those who stood unshaken and forged on relentlessly to be the voice of the people, to see that the rights of all people are not taken for granted.

Remember, too, that Jesus Christ also wanted us all to live as brothers and sisters, to abandon our jealousy and have the right to speak what one believes.

Reflect, remember, **Keep the Dream Alive.**

Joyce Cook

A CHANGE OF PACE



ST. JOSEPH PLAZA
233 W. Market Street
Newark, N.J.

Relax in the quaint atmosphere of the Atrium in St. Joseph's Plaza. Enjoy a delicious buffet including chilled wine, beer and many of your other favorite drinks.

For your listening pleasure piano selections by Curtis Watkins accompanied by Emily Ross, vocalist.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL
From 4:30 P.M. until 10 P.M.
SCRUMPTIOUS BUFFET

Cash Bar

Which Is The Way?

In life, we are all going somewhere, whether we are cognizant of it or not. We are traveling along a road toward some goal or other. For some it's wealth, for others fame, and for still others it might be pleasure. Different aspirants take different roads to reach their real, imaginary, or hoped-for destination. To achieve some goals, one may have to cope with a sequence of steps and prerequisites, i.e., one may have to become proficient in one area before he can move on to the next. Not easily reached are worthwhile objectives — sacrifice, discipline, effort, dedication and faith which must be both practiced and endured. As one composer expressed in a song: "I'm climbing Jacob's ladder and each run gets higher and higher" — paraphrased, "each run gets harder and harder."

A pilgrim was on his way to a city when a storm arose washing out the bridge and part of the road ahead, thus causing him to make a detour. In seeking an alternate route he looked for auxiliary markers, but to his dismay he found them absent or unfamiliar.

Momentarily, a feeling of being lost overcame him, and he did not quite know which way to go. Retracing his steps a short way, he came to a fork in the road where, in the distance to his left, he could see a wide road with sign boards advertising places providing exotic food and alcoholic drinks, and emporiums of pleasure. To his right, and rather inconspicuous, was a rough and narrow path partially covered by overhanging limbs of trees. Confused, he checked his map and saw that the smooth, wide, and scenic highway would take him away from his destination, while the almost unnoticeable narrow road would lead unerringly to his goal.

Which is the way?

"Enter by the narrow...for...broad is the way that leads to destruction...narrow...is the way which leads to life..."

(Matthew 7:13, 14).

Sometimes the easiest way is not the best way, and the slothful person who wants things to come easily to him, neither acquires for long nor achieves, and those who take the way of transgression find themselves embellished with tragedies and

hopelessness. Void of moral absolutes, they ravenously stampede along a freeway of self-destruction without any righteous purpose in life, oblivious that the fringe benefit of their revelries is the unconditional lease in hell. Sometimes a wrong path can take you where you do **not** want to go, and can keep you from going where you **do** want to go.

There is a story about a traveler who stopped to ask a farmer the way to a village he wished to reach. When the farmer told him the way, the traveler asked doubtfully, "Is that the best way?" to which the farmer replied, "That is the only way." There is only one way to true happiness.

The human mind is not a vacuum. It will be occupied either with that which is uplifting and good or with that which is destructive and evil. We can control the kind of thoughts that we permit to enter our minds. We must be very careful about the things we think about, the pictures we view, the television programs we see, the things we read, the kind of music to which we listen, and the things that occupy our daydreams. Although we are in this world we must not be adversely influenced by the sins of it, nor sanction it. The Gulf Stream is in the ocean, yet it is not a part of it, but maintains its warm temperature nevertheless even in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. It seems that more attention is given to satisfying the appetites of the body than of the soul, and we become fat physically and materially while spiritually we are lean and anemic.

Which is the way?

There are two ways: one way is dominated by sin leading to the abyss of damnation; and one way is dominated by the love of Christ leading to salvation. We can choose either one — the choice is ours. Joshua chose the latter way and said, "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Which is the way?

Christ entreats, "I am the way..."

(John 14:6).

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

St. Rose Of Lima Salutes Black History Month

Walk into any classroom at St. Rose of Lima School and you can't help but feel the pride of heritage. Each teacher has outdone him- or herself in displaying the many achievements of our children's Black elders, past and present.

Our salute to Black History Month

students performed this Tribute to Black History Month for the school assembly.

St. Rose of Lima's Junior Choir shared their contribution with the seniors in the area. A program designed especially for the seniors entitled "From Africa to Jazz" was per-



St. Rose's choir performs "Nago-Nagowa", an African handclapping elimination song.

began with an oratorical contest. The materials utilized were the great speeches of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rashid Chapman, one of the participants in the contest, read his speech at a mass honoring Dr. King.

"He did not share my thirst for freedom," is one of the lines taken from the play entitled **Harriet Tubman** as directed by our third grade teacher Mrs. Whitney Turner. Her

formed at NC Manor Senior, NC Roseville Senior and University Hospital.

Our Salute to Black History is never ending, for it is necessary that our young people know where we've come from, how we've come and what we have accomplished. It is further necessary that they feel the pride of their inheritance and possess the desire to accomplish more.

Emily Ross

St. Rose Of Lima Parish Homecoming

100 Years Of Service

As our days are growing longer and our evenings getting brighter, we know Spring is on its way and so is our Saint Rose of Lima Parish Homecoming. This will be the time to bridge the past to the present and marvel at the way God has worked and blessed so many of us through the span of generations.

Our Committee members are planning this Parish celebration with great anticipation and are relying on your enthusiasm in re-uniting "that ole gang of yours." We also need your help with some logistics.

By consensus we have determined that Saint Rose School Hall and Parish Hall will house this event. We have ample space and secure parking.

Meeting and greetings will be exchanged during the Hors D'Oeuvre hour and longer chats to reminisce will continue over a buffet supper. Music and comaraderie will resound in Roseville.

SAVE THIS DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1988, 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: SAINT ROSE OF LIMA
ADMISSION: \$20.00 PER PERSON (CASH BAR)

DEADLINE: MAY 3, 1988

N.B. The March 20, 21st event, **Evangelization: Spreading the Good News has been rescheduled for November 20th - Sister Thea Bowman, our presenter, is recovering from a serious illness.

St. Rose Of Lima School Spring Festival '88 — Chinese Auction

On Saturday, April 30, 1988, Saint Rose of Lima is holding its annual "Spring Festival." This festival is not only a night of fun and celebration, but it is the major fund raising event for our school and for the social services associated with the school. This night of celebration and Chinese Auction gives us an opportunity to show appreciation for what we are trying to accomplish at St. Rose School. What a perfect and permanent way to let the world know that you are

behind what Saint Rose stands for in Newark! And what Saint Rose stands for is worth your friendship and your support. Here, we have our own "small world" of three hundred children with a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds. They grow stronger each day in the ability to learn and to live together in peace and in love.

TICKET INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE RECTORY (201) 482-0682.

RIF Program At St. Rose



Vista worker Geraldine Wise guides her charges in their choice of reading matter.